WHEREAS,

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB

is celebrating its 95th year, continuing a long-standing tradition of excellence, education and interest in amateur radio; and

***WHEREAS**, Founded in January 1917, the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC) is one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in the world, having been incorporated in 1917 and affiliated with ARRL (The National Association for Amateur Radio) in 1919; and*

***WHEREAS**, The MRAC built equipment and coordinated the operation of the War Emergency Radio Service in Milwaukee during World War II, has hosted state and division amateur radio conventions, and has sponsored Wisconsin centered amateur radio operating contests; and*

***WHEREAS**, The club founded one of the 14 national Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VEC) in 1984 to conduct FCC amateur radio license examinations (and has conducted classes in all grades of amateur radio licenses), and has been involved in two NASA Space Shuttle SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment) missions; and*

***WHEREAS**, More than 1,100 people have been MRAC members during its 95-year history, and the club has operated in every annual national amateur radio Field Day event since the first event in 1930; and*

***WHEREAS**, We extend congratulations to the officers and members of the club with best wishes for continued success on this occasion of celebrating 95 years of excellence in amateur radio in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club on celebrating its 95th anniversary, recognizes the club for its service and accomplishments, and wishes for it future success and prosperity; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert G. Donovan, Terry L. Witkowski, Joe Dudzik, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 11, 2012.

Willie L. Hines, Jr.
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President of the Common Council

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